

PRESS RELEASE ON OPERATION OF
MULLAI PERIYAR DAM
FROM HON'BLE MINISTER, WATER RESOURCES

Tamil Nadu is continuously watching the rainfall situation in the catchment of Mullai Periyar Dam and monitoring the water level of the Dam following the direction of the Hon'ble Supreme Court for maintaining the maximum storage level of 142 ft. and maintaining the water level in Mullai Periyar Dam as per the Rule Curve approved by Central Water Commission.

The Hon'ble Supreme Court yesterday (28.10.2021) after hearing the arguments of the State of Tamil Nadu in the Writ Petition filed by an individual of Kerala directed to follow the Rule Curve till the next hearing on 11th November, 2021. Tamil Nadu is drawing water through the tunnel to Vaigai Dam continuously to keep the water level as per the Rule Curve. As there is continuous rainfall in the catchment of Mullai Periyar Dam, the water level has gone up in the Dam. Considering the water level is raising further, Water Resources Department of Tamil Nadu Government has decided, in addition to maximum

drawl of water through tunnel, to release water from Mullai Periyar Dam to the tune of 500 cusecs, by opening two spillway gates from 7.30 a.m. today morning, after giving notice/warning well in advance to the concerned authorities of the State of Kerala. This is being done strictly as per the Rule Curve approved by the Central Water Commission.

The Dam is safe and it is operated and regulated carefully by Water Resources Department, Government of Tamil Nadu following the Rule Curve approved by Central Water Commission. Any news contrary to the above are not correct and has to be ignored. It is reiterated that Government of Tamil Nadu, which is the owner of the Mullai Periyar Dam, is operating the Dam following the standard procedures.

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